



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

PROTECTION OF YOUR PERSONAL DATA

Processing operation: Management of subscriptions to the Building Blocks Bulletin (newsletter)

Data Controller: European Commission, Head of Unit H.4, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT)

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1. Introduction

The European Commission is committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy. The Commission collects and further processes personal data pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data.

This privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data, the way we collect, handle and ensure protection of all personal data provided, how that information is used and what rights you have in relation to your personal data. It also specifies the contact details of the responsible Data Controller with whom you may exercise your rights, the Data Protection Officer and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

The information in relation to the processing operation “*Management of subscriptions to the Building Blocks Bulletin (newsletter)*” undertaken by the European Commission, Head of Unit H.4, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT), is presented below.

2. Why and how do we process your personal data?

Purpose of the processing operation: the controller collects and further processes your personal data for your subscription to the Building Blocks Bulletin (newsletter). By subscribing to this newsletter, you receive information about recent developments, events, initiatives and thematic issues related to the building blocks.

We will not use your personal data for an automated decision-making including profiling.

3. On what legal ground(s) do we process your personal data?

You have subscribed to receive information about recent developments, events, initiatives and thematic issues related to the building blocks.

We process your personal data because you have given your consent to the processing of these data for receiving the information of your interest in the form of a newsletter.

Your consent is required for the processing of your personal data to manage your subscription for this newsletter.

If you opt-in, you are giving us your explicit consent under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 to process your personal data for those specific purposes. You can give your consent via a clear affirmative act by ticking the box in the online registration form.

You can withdraw your consent for this service at any time by clicking the “unsubscribe” button at the bottom of the newsletter or by contacting the data controller at DIGITAL-BUILDING-BLOCKS@EC.EUROPA.EU.

4. Which personal data do we collect and further process?

In order to carry out this processing operation, we collect the following categories of personal data to ensure the delivery of the service to you as a subscriber: your name, surname and email address, position, place of work and interest in one or more building blocks.

5. How long do we keep your personal data?

The data controller only keeps your personal data for the time necessary to fulfil the purpose of collection, namely until you withdraw consent for this service.

You can unsubscribe from the newsletter by clicking the “unsubscribe” button at the bottom of the newsletter or by contacting the data controller at DIGITAL-BUILDING-BLOCKS@EC.EUROPA.EU.

We shall take appropriate action within a week of receiving your request to unsubscribe you from the newsletter.

In case where data is kept for statistical purposes, some subscriber's data may be kept for five (5) years after the un-subscription, providing these do not allow to identify the subscriber anymore and that these are available to a very restricted number of authorised persons performing the processing operation on a need to know basis, for the sole purposes of generating anonymised statistics.

6. How do we protect and safeguard your personal data?

All personal data in electronic format (e-mails, documents, databases, uploaded batches of data, etc.) are stored on the servers of the European Commission. All processing operations are carried out pursuant to the [Commission Decision \(EU, Euratom\) 2017/46](#) of 10 January 2017 on the security of communication and information systems in the European Commission.

In order to protect your personal data, the Commission has put in place a number of technical and organisational measures. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the personal data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the personal data solely to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

The European Commission uses external service providers to assist the data controller in the management of subscriptions to the Building Blocks Bulletin (newsletter). The Commission's service providers are bound by a specific contractual clause for any processing operations of your personal data on behalf of the Commission. These providers have to put in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the level of security, as required by the Commission.

7. Who has access to your personal data and to whom is it disclosed?

For this processing activity, DG DIGIT acts as data processor and processes your personal data on behalf of the data controller. Access to your personal data is provided to the Commission staff responsible for carrying out this processing operation and to other authorised Commission staff according to the “need to know” principle. Such staff abide by statutory, and when required, additional confidentiality agreements.

Where necessary, the data controller may also share your personal data with service providers for assisting the controller in the management of subscriptions to the Building Blocks Bulletin (newsletter). Such service providers may be: *Deloitte Belgium, NTT Data Belgium, PwC Belgium, Wavestone and Westpole Belgium*.

All personal data of this processing are stored on servers located on the territory of the EU.

Please note that pursuant to Article 3(13) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 public authorities (e.g. Court of Auditors, EU Court of Justice), which may receive personal data in the framework of a particular inquiry in accordance with Union or Member State law, shall not be regarded as recipients. The further processing of those data by those public authorities shall comply with the applicable data protection rules according to the purposes of the processing.

The information we collect will not be given to any third party, except to the extent and for the purpose we may be required to do so by law.

8. What are your rights and how can you exercise them?

You have specific rights as a 'data subject' under Chapter III (Articles 14-25) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in particular the right to access your personal data and to rectify them in case your personal data are inaccurate or incomplete. Where applicable, you have the right to erase your personal data, to restrict the processing of your personal data, to object to the processing, and the right to data portability.

You have consented to provide your personal data to the controller for the present processing operation. You can withdraw your consent for this service at any time by clicking the "unsubscribe" button at the bottom of the newsletter or by contacting the data controller at DIGITAL-BUILDING-BLOCKS@EC.EUROPA.EU.

The withdrawal of your consent will not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out before you have withdrawn the consent.

You can exercise your rights by contacting the Data Controller, or in case of conflict the Data Protection Officer. If necessary, you can also address the European Data Protection Supervisor. You will find their contact details in Heading 9 (see below).

Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations, please provide their description in your request (i.e. their Record reference(s) as specified in Heading 10 (see below)).

9. Contact information

- The Data Controller

If you would like to exercise your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, if you have comments, questions or concerns, or if you would like to submit a complaint regarding the collection and use of your personal data, please feel free to contact the Data Controller:

European Commission, Head of Unit H.4, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CNECT) at DIGITAL-BUILDING-BLOCKS@EC.EUROPA.EU.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the Commission

You may contact the Data Protection Officer data-protection-officer@ec.europa.eu with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

You have the right to have recourse (i.e. you can lodge a complaint) to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation

(EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by the data controller.

10. Where to find more detailed information?

The Commission Data Protection Officer (DPO) publishes the register of all processing operations on personal data by the European Commission, which have been documented and notified to him. You may access the register via the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/dpo-register>.

This specific processing operation has been included in the DPO's public register with the following Record reference: [DPR-EC-03928](#).